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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS WAGERING, ONLINE CASINO GAMING, ONLINE LOTTERY AND ONLINE KENO.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2021) For the purposes of this
- 2 section and sections 2 to 9, inclusive, of this act:
- 3 (1) "Casino gaming facility" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-557b of the general statutes, as amended by this act;
- 5 (2) "Electronic wagering platform" means the combination of
- 6 hardware, software and data networks used to manage, administer,
- 7 offer or control online sports wagering or online casino gaming,
- 8 including through an Internet web site or a mobile device;
- 9 (3) "E-sports" means electronic sports and competitive video games
- 10 played as a game of skill and for which wagering by nonparticipants is
- authorized pursuant to section 5 of this act or any other provision of the
- 12 general statutes or a public or special act;
- 13 (4) "Gross gaming revenue from online casino gaming" means the 14 total of all sums actually received by an operator of online casino

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gaming less the total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the operator of online casino gaming and any federal excise tax applicable to such sums received, provided (A) the total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons shall not include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout, and (B) the issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any promotional gaming credit shall not be included in the total of all sums actually received by an operator of online casino gaming for the purposes of determining gross gaming revenue;

- (5) "Gross gaming revenue from sports wagering" means the total of all sums actually received by an operator of sports wagering less the total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the operator of sports wagering and any federal excise tax applicable to such sums received, provided (A) the total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons shall not include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout, and (B) the issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any promotional gaming credit shall not be included in the total of all sums actually received by an operator of sports wagering for the purposes of determining gross gaming revenue;
- (6) "Indian lands" has the same meaning as provided in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 25 USC 2703(4);
- (7) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding" means the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended from time to time;
- (8) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to 25 USC 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) and published in 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31, 1991), as amended from time to time;
- (9) "MMCT Venture, LLC" means a limited liability company (A) jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and

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- the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; (B) in which no other person or business organization holds an equity interest; and (C) in
- 49 which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest;
- 50 (10) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact entered 51 into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of 52 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;

- (11) "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" means the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time;
- (12) "Online casino gaming" means any game of chance, other than sports wagering, including, but not limited to, blackjack, poker, dice, money-wheels, roulette, baccarat, chuck-a-luck, pan game, over and under, horse race game, acey-deucy, beat the dealer, bouncing ball and slot machine, conducted over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile device, through an electronic wagering platform;
- 63 (13) "Retail sports wagering" means sports wagering conducted in 64 person at a facility in this state;
 - (14) "Skin" means the branded or cobranded name and logo on the interface of an Internet web site or a mobile application that bettors use to access an electronic wagering platform for online sports wagering or online casino gaming;
 - (15) "Sporting event" or "sports event" means any (A) sporting or athletic event at which two or more persons participate and receive compensation in excess of actual expenses for such participation in such sporting or athletic event, (B) sporting or athletic event sponsored by an intercollegiate athletic program of an institution of higher education, or (C) e-sports. "Sporting event" does not include horse racing or any sporting or athletic event sponsored by a minor league; and
 - (16) "Sports wagering" means risking or accepting any money, credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part,

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(A) by any system or method of wagering, including, but not limited to, in person or over the Internet through an Internet web site or a mobile device, through an electronic wagering platform, and (B) based on (i) a sporting event or a portion or portions of a sporting event, including future or propositional events during such an event, or (ii) the individual performance statistics of an athlete or athletes in a sporting event or a combination of sporting events. "Sports wagering" does not include the payment of an entry fee to play fantasy contests, as defined in section 12-578aa of the general statutes, or an entry fee to participate in e-sports.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Governor shall enter into amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or new compacts with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or both, that conform to the provisions of sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of this act concerning:

(1) The operation of retail sports wagering on Indian lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq., provided (A) such amendment or new compact shall provide that any individual making a sports wager is at least twenty-one years of age or older, and (B) the authorization to operate sports wagering shall not become effective until each new compact with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut or each amendment to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding, for retail sports wagering on Indian lands, has become effective;

(2) The operation of retail sports wagering at a casino gaming facility authorized under section 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by

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- 112 (3) The operation of one online skin for sports wagering conducted 113 over the Internet through an Internet web site or mobile application, through an electronic wagering platform, within the state by each federally recognized Native American tribe operating Class III gaming on its Indian lands in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact 117 or procedures approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2710 et seq., provided the Internet web site 118 119 and mobile application used by each tribe clearly identifies, at all times, 120 the skin on the display screen;
- 121 (4) The operation of one online skin for online casino gaming 122 conducted over the Internet through an Internet web site or mobile 123 application, through an electronic wagering platform, within the state 124 by each federally recognized Native American tribe operating Class III 125 gaming on its Indian lands in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming 126 compact or procedures approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory 127 Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2710 et seq., provided the Internet web 128 site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly identifies, at all 129 times, the skin on the display screen; and
 - (5) The operation of a program by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games through the corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application, provided the total number of drawings across all such games in a given day shall not exceed twenty-four drawings.
 - (b) (1) Any amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and the Mohegan compact pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include a provision that such amendments do not terminate the moratorium against the operation of video facsimile games by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on each tribe's reservation.
 - (2) Any amendments to each tribe's memorandum of understanding pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall include a provision that

LCO No. 3157 **5** of 43 such amendments do not relieve each tribe from each tribe's obligation to contribute a percentage of the gross operating revenues of video facsimile games to the state as provided in each tribe's memorandum of

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- (c) (1) Unless federal law or a gaming agreement or procedure entered into pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq. requires otherwise, the Governor shall enter into the amendments or compacts pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and each such amendment or compact shall be considered approved by the General Assembly under section 3-6c of the general statutes without further action required upon the Governor entering into such an agreement or compact, provided, in each amendment or compact, each tribe agrees to the requirements of subsection (a) of this section.
- (2) If federal law requires approval by the Secretary of the United States Department of Interior for any amendment or compact entered into pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and such approval is overturned by a court in a final judgment, which is not appealable, the authorization provided for in such amendment or compact shall cease to be effective.
- Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Each federally recognized Native American tribe that operates Class III gaming on its Indian lands in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact or procedures approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2710 et seq., may operate one online skin for sports wagering within the state through an Internet web site or mobile application, through an electronic wagering platform, provided (1) each new compact or amendment to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding required under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act is effective; and (2) the Internet web site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly identifies, at all times, the skin on the display screen.

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Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) Each federally recognized Native American tribe that operates Class III gaming on its Indian lands in the state pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact or procedures approved under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2710 et seq., may operate one online skin for online casino gaming within the state through an Internet web site or mobile application, provided (1) each new compact or amendment to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding required under subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 2 of this act is effective; and (2) the Internet web site and mobile application used by each tribe clearly identifies, at all times, the skin on the display screen.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) An individual may only place a sports wager on a sporting event in person or through an electronic wagering platform or place a wager through an online casino gaming electronic wagering platform if the wagering is authorized pursuant to sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, and the individual (1) has attained the age of twenty-one, and (2) is physically present in the state when placing the wager.

(b) Any electronic wagering platform used for conducting online sports wagering or online casino gaming shall be developed to: (1) Verify that an individual with a wagering account is twenty-one years of age or older and is physically present in the state when placing a wager, (2) provide a mechanism to prevent the unauthorized use of wagering accounts and maintain the security of wagering data and other confidential information, and (3) allow individuals to register for a wagering account at a casino facility operated on Indian lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq., at a casino gaming facility or online through an electronic wagering platform, in accordance with standards of operation and management, policies and procedures, or regulations adopted pursuant to section 6 of this act.

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Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) Not later than three months after the date any authorization of sports wagering or online casino gaming becomes effective under sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes and to the extent not prohibited by federal law or any gaming agreement or procedure entered into pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq., to implement the provisions of sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act. Such regulations shall address the operation of, participation in and advertisement of sports wagering and online casino gaming, and shall include provisions to protect the public interest in the integrity of gaming.

- (b) The commissioner may implement policies and procedures while in the process of adopting such regulations, provided notice of intention to adopt regulations is posted on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after implementation. Any such policy or procedure shall be valid until the time final regulations are effective.
- (c) Prior to implementation of policies and procedures under subsection (b) of this section, sports wagering or online casino gaming authorized under sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act may be conducted in accordance with standards of operation and management adopted by a tribal gaming agency of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe or Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut and submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection. The commissioner shall approve each standard unless the commissioner finds that the standard would have a material adverse impact on the public interest in the integrity of the sports wagering or online gaming operation and shall disapprove only such portions of any such standard that is determined to have a material adverse impact on such public interest, setting forth with specificity the reasons for such disapproval. Approval of such standards shall be deemed granted unless disapproved within thirty days of submission to the commissioner.
- Sec. 7. (NEW) (Effective from passage) Not later than thirty days after

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the date an operator of sports wagering or online casino gaming commences operation under sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, and on a monthly basis thereafter while such sports wagering or online casino gaming is conducted, if such gaming activity takes place outside of Indian lands of a federally recognized Native American tribe, each such operator shall pay to the state for deposit in the General Fund: (1) Eight per cent of the gross gaming revenue from sports wagering authorized under sections 2, 3, 5 and 6 of this act, provided ten per cent of such payments, or twenty million dollars, whichever is less, shall be transferred from the General Fund each fiscal year to the state-wide tourism marketing account, established pursuant to section 10-395a of the general statutes; and (2) ten per cent of the gross gaming revenue from online casino gaming authorized under sections 2 and 4 of this act.

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Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) At the commencement of any fiscal year that sports wagering or online casino gaming is conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act outside of Indian lands and on or before September thirtieth in each fiscal year thereafter, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall: (1) Estimate, after consultation with each operator of online casino gaming, online sports wagering or a casino gaming facility conducting retail sports wagering pursuant to section 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, the reasonable and necessary costs that will be incurred by the department in the next fiscal year to regulate the operation of such wagering or gaming under sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act; and (2) assess each such operator's share of such estimated costs pro rata according to such operator's annualized share of the gross gaming revenue from such wagering or gaming in the prior fiscal year, if any. The estimated costs shall not exceed the estimate of expenditure requirements transmitted by the commissioner pursuant to section 4-77 of the general statutes. The assessment for any fiscal year shall be: (A) Reduced pro rata by the amount of any surplus from the assessment of the prior fiscal year, which shall be maintained in accordance with subsection (d) of this section, or (B) increased pro rata by the amount of any deficit from the assessment of the prior fiscal year.

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- (c) The State Treasurer shall deposit all funds received pursuant to subsection (b) of this section in the State Gaming Regulatory Fund, established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-578e of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- (d) On or before September thirtieth, annually, the Comptroller shall calculate the actual reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the department to regulate operators of online casino gaming, online sports wagering and a casino gaming facility conducting sports wagering pursuant to section 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during the prior fiscal year. The Treasurer shall set aside amounts received in excess of such actual costs. Such excess amounts shall be considered a surplus for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.
- (e) Any operator of online casino gaming, online sports wagering or a casino gaming facility conducting sports wagering pursuant to section 12-578f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, aggrieved by an assessment under the provisions of this section may request a hearing before the commissioner not later than thirty days after such assessment. The commissioner shall hold such hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes not later than thirty days after receiving such request.
- Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any payment to the state made by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut or MMCT Venture, LLC and based on gross gaming revenue from online casino gaming, gross gaming revenue from sports wagering or gross gaming revenue, as defined in section 12-557b of the

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- 309 general statutes, as amended by this act, as applicable, shall count
- 310 toward the calculation of the "minimum contribution" pursuant to the
- 311 Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding and the
- 312 Mohegan memorandum of understanding, with any such payments by
- 313 MMCT Venture, LLC based on such tribe's proportionate ownership of
- 314 MMCT Venture, LLC.
- Sec. 10. Section 12-578f of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 316 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 317 (a) For the purposes of this section and section 12-578g, as amended
- 318 by this act:
- 319 (1) "Authorized games" means any game of chance, including, but not
- 320 limited to, blackjack, poker, dice, money-wheels, roulette, baccarat,
- 321 chuck-a-luck, pan game, over and under, horse race game, acey-deucy,
- beat the dealer, bouncing ball, video facsimile game and any other game
- of chance authorized by the Commissioner of Consumer Protection.
- 324 "Authorized games" does not include sports wagering, as defined in
- 325 section 1 of this act;
- 326 (2) "Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding" means
- 327 the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the
- 328 state and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe on January 13, 1993, as
- 329 amended on April 30, 1993;
- 330 (3) "Mashantucket Pequot procedures" means the Final
- 331 Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Procedures prescribed by the Secretary
- of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to Section
- 333 2710(d)(7)(B)(vii) of Title 25 of the United States Code and published in
- 334 56 Federal Register 24996 (May 31, 1991);
- 335 (4) "MMCT Venture, LLC" means a limited liability company
- described in subsection (d) of this section;
- 337 (5) "Mohegan compact" means the Tribal-State Compact entered into
- 338 by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of
- 339 Connecticut on May 17, 1994; and

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- "Mohegan memorandum of understanding" 340 means the (6) 341 memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state 342 and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on May 17, 1994.
- 343 (b) MMCT Venture, LLC, is authorized to conduct authorized games 344 at a casino gaming facility at 171 Bridge Street, East Windsor, 345 Connecticut.
- 346 (c) Such authorization shall not be effective unless the following 347 conditions have been met:

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- (1) (A) The Governor enters into amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut concerning the operation of a casino gaming facility in the state.
- (B) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and the Mohegan compact shall include a provision that the authorization of MMCT Venture, LLC, to conduct authorized games in the state does not terminate the moratorium against the operation of video facsimile games by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut on each tribe's reservation.
- (C) The amendments to each tribe's memorandum of understanding shall include a provision that the authorization of MMCT Venture, LLC, to conduct authorized games in the state does not relieve each tribe from each tribe's obligation to contribute a percentage of the gross operating revenues of video facsimile games to the state as provided in each tribe's memorandum of understanding.
- (2) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures, the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding, the Mohegan compact and the Mohegan memorandum of understanding are approved or deemed approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming

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- Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq., and its implementing
- 372 regulations. If such approval is overturned by a court in a final
- 373 judgment, which is not appealable, the authorization provided under
- 374 this section shall cease to be effective.

- 375 (3) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures and to 376 the Mohegan compact are approved by the General Assembly pursuant 377 to section 3-6c.
- 378 (4) The amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding are approved by the General Assembly pursuant to the process described in section 3-6c.
 - (5) The governing bodies of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut enact resolutions providing: (A) That if MMCT Venture, LLC, fails to pay any fees or taxes due the state, the tribes, as the members of MMCT Venture, LLC, waive the possible defense of sovereign immunity with respect to any action or claim by the state against the tribes as the members of MMCT Venture, LLC, to the extent such action or claim is permitted to be brought against a member of a limited liability company under state law to collect any fees or taxes, while preserving any other defenses available to the tribes, and (B) that the venue for such action or claim shall be in the judicial district of Hartford.
 - (d) Such authorization shall apply to MMCT Venture, LLC, provided: (1) MMCT Venture, LLC, is a limited liability company jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut; (2) no other person or business organization holds an equity interest in MMCT Venture, LLC; and (3) each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest in MMCT Venture, LLC. If MMCT Venture, LLC, ceases to be a limited liability company jointly and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut in which each tribe holds at least a twenty-five per cent equity interest, such authorization shall be void.

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404 (e) MMCT Venture, LLC, is authorized to operate retail sports 405 wagering, as defined in section 1 of this act, at a casino gaming facility 406 at 171 Bridge Street, East Windsor, Connecticut, provided new compacts 407 with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and Mohegan Tribe of Indians of 408 Connecticut or amendments to each of the Mashantucket Pequot 409 procedures and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of 410 understanding with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments 411 to the Mohegan compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of 412 understanding with the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut 413 concerning such operation are effective pursuant to section 2 of this act. 414 If MMCT Venture, LLC, ceases to be a limited liability company jointly 415 and exclusively owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the 416 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut in which each tribe holds at 417 least a twenty-five per cent equity interest, such authorization shall be 418 void.

- 419 Sec. 11. Section 12-806c of the general statutes is repealed and the 420 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- 421 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c, the Secretary of 422 the Office of Policy and Management, on behalf of the state of 423 Connecticut, may enter into separate agreements with the 424 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of 425 Connecticut concerning the operation of keno by the Connecticut 426 Lottery Corporation in the state of Connecticut. Any such agreement 427 shall provide that the state of Connecticut shall distribute to each tribe 428 a sum not to exceed a twelve and one-half per cent share of the gross 429 operating revenue received by the state from the operation of keno. The 430 corporation may not operate keno until such separate agreements are 431 effective. For the purposes of this section, "gross operating revenues" 432 means the total amounts wagered, less amounts paid out as prizes.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3-6c, the secretary, on behalf of the state, may enter into amendments to the agreements described in subsection (a) of this section concerning the operation of keno over the Internet by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in the

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438 (c) Any electronic platform or combination of hardware, software 439 and data networks used to manage, administer, offer or control keno 440 over the Internet, including through an Internet web site or a mobile device, shall, at a minimum, be developed to: (1) Verify that an 442 individual with a keno account is eighteen years of age or older and is 443 located in the state, (2) provide a mechanism to prevent the unauthorized use of a keno account, and (3) maintain the security of 445 data and other confidential information.

- Sec. 12. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) As used in this section, "lottery draw game" means any draw game that is (1) available for purchase through a lottery sales agent, and (2) played with a live drawing that occurs no more frequently than hourly.
- 450 (b) The Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall establish a program to 451 sell lottery tickets for lottery draw games through the corporation's 452 Internet web site, online service or mobile application, provided: (1) 453 Such program is conducted in accordance with compacts with the 454 Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of 455 Connecticut or amendments to the Mashantucket Pequot procedures 456 and to the Mashantucket Pequot memorandum of understanding with 457 the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and amendments to the Mohegan 458 compact and to the Mohegan memorandum of understanding with the 459 Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut that are effective pursuant to 460 section 2 of this act; and (2) the total number of drawings across all 461 lottery draw games for which lottery tickets are sold through the 462 corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application does 463 not exceed twenty-four drawings in a given day.
 - (c) Such program shall, at a minimum: (1) Verify that a person who establishes an online lottery account to purchase a lottery ticket through such program is eighteen years of age or older and is located in the state; (2) restrict the sale of lottery tickets to transactions initiated and received within the state; (3) allow a person to deposit money into an online lottery account through the use of a verified bank account, prepaid

LCO No. 3157 **15** of 43 lottery gift card, debit card or credit card; (4) limit a person with an online lottery account to using only one debit card or credit card; (5) provide that any money in an online lottery account belongs solely to the owner of the account and may be withdrawn by the owner at any time; (6) provide a mechanism to prevent the unauthorized use of online lottery accounts; (7) establish a voluntary self-exclusion process to allow a person to exclude himself or herself from establishing an online lottery account or purchasing a lottery ticket through such program; (8) provide a mechanism to prevent a person who participates in the selfexclusion process from establishing an online lottery account; (9) within one year from the date such program is established, be the subject of an application for certification from a national or international responsible gambling compliance assessment program; (10) post a conspicuous link to responsible gambling information on all online lottery account Internet web pages; and (11) after consultation with advocacy groups for individuals with gambling problems, (A) limit the amount of money a person may deposit into an online lottery account, (B) limit the amount of money a person may spend per day through such program, and (C) provide for online messages regarding the importance of responsible gambling when a person is using his or her online lottery account for an amount of time specified by the corporation.

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- (d) Prior to implementing any procedure, as defined in subdivision (2) of section 1-120 of the general statutes, to assure the integrity of such program, the corporation shall obtain the written approval of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection in accordance with regulations adopted under section 12-568a of the general statutes.
- (e) The corporation shall: (1) Implement initiatives to promote the purchase of lottery tickets through lottery sales agents; (2) permit lottery sales agents to sell prepaid lottery gift cards; and (3) conduct an online public awareness campaign designed to educate the public regarding compulsive gambling and to inform the public of the programs available for the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive gamblers in the state.

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(f) The corporation shall establish a fund into which all revenue of the program established pursuant to this section shall be deposited, from which all payments and expenses of the corporation for such program shall be paid and from which transfers to the debt-free community college account, established in section 13 of this act, shall be made pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

- Sec. 13. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) There is established an account to be known as the "debt-free community college account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account, including, but not limited to, deposits from the Connecticut Lottery Corporation in accordance with subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Board of Regents for Higher Education for the purposes of the debt-free community college program established pursuant to section 10a-174 of the general statutes.
- (b) Not later than thirty days after the initial offering of lottery tickets for lottery draw games through the Connecticut Lottery Corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application pursuant to section 12 of this act, and on January first annually thereafter, the president of said corporation shall estimate and report to the Board of Regents for Higher Education the anticipated amount of the deposit required pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-812 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or the anticipated net revenue from such online offering during the current and next fiscal year.
- Sec. 14. Section 12-801 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- As used in section 12-563a and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act, the following terms [shall] have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates another meaning:
 - (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the board of directors of the

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- 536 (2) "Corporation" means the Connecticut Lottery Corporation as 537 created under section 12-802;
- 538 (3) "Division" means the former Division of Special Revenue in the Department of Revenue Services;
- (4) "Lottery" means (A) the Connecticut state lottery conducted prior to the transfer authorized under section 12-808 by the Division of Special Revenue, (B) after such transfer, the Connecticut state lottery conducted by the corporation pursuant to sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act, (C) the state lottery referred to in subsection (a) of section 53-278g, as amended by this act, and (D) keno conducted by the corporation pursuant to section 12-806c, as amended by this act;
 - (5) "Keno" means a lottery game in which a subset of numbers are drawn from a larger field of numbers by a central computer system using an approved random number generator, wheel system device or other drawing device. "Keno" does not include a game operated on a video facsimile machine;
 - (6) "Lottery fund" means a fund or funds established by, and under the management and control of, the corporation, into which all lottery revenues of the corporation are deposited, from which all payments and expenses of the corporation are paid, except as provided in section 12 of this act for the revenues and payments from the program established pursuant to section 12 of this act, and from which transfers to the General Fund or the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, are made pursuant to section 12-812, as amended by this act; and
 - (7) "Operating revenue" means total revenue received from lottery sales less all cancelled sales and amounts paid as prizes but before payment or provision for payment of any other expenses.
 - Sec. 15. Section 12-806 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

- (a) The purposes of the corporation shall be to: (1) Operate and manage the lottery in an entrepreneurial and business-like manner free from the budgetary and other constraints that affect state agencies; (2) provide continuing and increased revenue to the people of the state through the lottery by being responsive to market forces and acting generally as a corporation engaged in entrepreneurial pursuits; (3) pay to the trustee of the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, the amounts, if any, required pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-812, as amended by this act; and (4) ensure that the lottery continues to be operated with integrity and for the public good.
 - (b) The corporation shall have the following powers:
- (1) To receive as transferee from the state of Connecticut all of the tangible and intangible assets constituting the lottery including the exclusive right to operate the lottery as the exclusive lottery of the state and, subject to subsection (b) of section 12-808, to assume and discharge all of the agreements, covenants and obligations of the Department of Consumer Protection entered into which constitute a part of the operation and management of the lottery;
 - (2) To operate and manage the lottery consistent with the provisions of sections 1-120, 1-121, 1-125, 12-563, 12-563a, 12-564, 12-566, 12-568a and 12-569, subsection (c) of section 12-574 and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, <u>and section 12 of this act</u>, and as specifically provided in section 12-812, as amended by this act;
 - (3) To have perpetual succession as a body corporate and to adopt bylaws, policies and procedures for the operation of its affairs and conduct of its businesses;
 - (4) (A) To introduce new lottery games, modify existing lottery games, utilize existing and new technologies, determine distribution channels for the sale of lottery tickets, introduce keno pursuant to signed

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597 agreements with the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe and the Mohegan 598 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, in accordance with section 12-806c, as 599 amended by this act, and, to the extent specifically authorized by 600 regulations adopted by the Department of Consumer Protection 601 pursuant to chapter 54, introduce instant ticket vending machines, 602 kiosks and automated wagering systems or machines, with all such 603 rights being subject to regulatory oversight by the Department of 604 Consumer Protection; and

(B) To offer lottery draw games, including for promotional purposes, through the corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application in accordance with section 12 of this act, except that the corporation shall not offer any other interactive [on-line] lottery games, including [on-line video lottery games] for promotional purposes, on the corporation's Internet web site, online service or mobile application;

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- 611 (5) To establish an annual budget of revenues and expenditures, 612 along with reasonable reserves for working capital, 613 expenditures, debt retirement and other anticipated expenditures, in a 614 manner and at levels considered by the board of directors as appropriate 615 and prudent;
- 616 (6) To adopt such administrative and operating procedures which the 617 board of directors deems appropriate;
 - (7) To enter into agreements with one or more states or territories of the United States for the promotion and operation of joint lottery games and to continue to participate in any joint lottery game in which the corporation participates on July 1, 2003, regardless of whether any government-authorized lottery operated outside of the United States participates in such game;
 - (8) Subject to the provisions of section 12-815, to enter into agreements with vendors with respect to the operation and management of the lottery, including operation of lottery terminals, management services, printing of lottery tickets, management expertise, marketing expertise, advertising or such other goods or services as the

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- 630 (9) To purchase or lease operating equipment, including, but not 631 limited to, computer gaming and automated wagering systems and to 632 employ agents or employees to operate such systems;
- 633 (10) To retain unclaimed prize funds as additional revenue for the 634 state, or to use unclaimed prize funds to increase sales, or to return to 635 participants unclaimed prize funds in a manner designed to increase 636 sales;
- 637 (11) To establish prize reserve accounts as the board of directors 638 deems appropriate;
 - (12) To pay lottery prizes as awarded under section 12-812, <u>as</u> <u>amended by this act</u>, to purchase annuities to fund such prizes, and to assure that all annuities from which payments to winners of lottery prizes are made are invested in instruments issued by agencies of the United States government and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, or are issued by insurance companies licensed to do business in the state, provided the issuer has been determined by the Department of Consumer Protection to be financially stable and meets the minimum investment rating as determined by the department;
 - (13) To pay the Office of Policy and Management to reimburse the Department of Consumer Protection for the reasonable and necessary costs arising from the department's regulatory oversight of the corporation, in accordance with the assessment made pursuant to section 12-806b, including costs arising directly or indirectly from the licensing of lottery agents, performance of state police background investigations, and the implementation of subsection (b) of section 12-562 and sections 12-563a, 12-568a, 12-569, 12-570, 12-570a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act;
 - (14) In the event that the operation or management of the corporation becomes subject to the federal gaming occupation tax, to pay such tax on behalf of lottery sales agents and to assist agents subject thereto;

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(15) To determine the commissions payable to lottery sales agents, provided any agent's commission shall not average less than four per cent of such agent's lottery sales;

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- (16) To invest in, acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of real property and lease, convey or deal in or enter into agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or incidental to carrying out the purposes of sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, provided such transactions shall not be subject to approval, review or regulation pursuant to title 4b or any other statute by any state agency, except that real property transactions shall be subject to review by the State Properties Review Board;
- 671 (17) To borrow money for the purpose of obtaining working capital;
- 672 (18) To hold patents, copyrights, trademarks, marketing rights, 673 licenses or any other evidence of protection or exclusivity issued under 674 the laws of the United States or any state;
 - (19) To employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes in accordance with sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act to fix their compensation and, subject to the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of section 12-802, establish all necessary and appropriate personnel practices and policies; to engage consultants, accountants, attorneys and financial and other independent professionals as may be necessary or desirable to assist the corporation in performing its purposes in accordance with sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act;
 - (20) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act;
 - (21) In its own name, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

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- (22) Subject to the approval of the board and to the requirement to remit excess lottery funds to the General Fund as set forth in section 12-812, as amended by this act, to invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement, including any funds held in approved reserve accounts, in investments permitted by sections 3-20 and 3-27a for the proceeds of state bonds;
 - (23) To procure insurance against any loss in connection with its property and other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it deems desirable;

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- (24) To the extent permitted under any contract with other persons to which the corporation is a party, to consent to any termination, modification, forgiveness or other change of any term of any contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or agreement of any kind;
- (25) To acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or incidental to the carrying out of these purposes;
- 708 (26) To account for and audit funds of the corporation;
- 709 (27) To pay or provide for payment from operating revenues all 710 expenses, costs and obligations incurred by the corporation in the 711 exercise of the powers of the corporation under sections 12-563a and 12-712 800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act; and
- 713 (28) To exercise any powers necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 12-563a and 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, and section 12 of this act.
- Sec. 16. Section 12-806a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- As used in this section, "procedure" has the same meaning as 719 "procedure", as defined in subdivision (2) of section 1-120. The 720 Department of Consumer Protection shall, for the purposes of section

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- 721 12-568a, subsection (c) of section 12-574, sections 12-802a and 12-815a,
- 722 section 12 of this act, and this section, regulate the activities of the
- 723 Connecticut Lottery Corporation to assure the integrity of the state
- 724 lottery. In addition to the requirements of the provisions of chapter 12
- 725 and notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-806, as amended by
- 726 this act, the Connecticut Lottery Corporation shall, prior to
- 727 implementing any procedure designed to assure the integrity of the
- 728 state lottery, obtain the written approval of the Commissioner of
- 729 Consumer Protection in accordance with regulations adopted under
- 730 section 12-568a.

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- 731 Sec. 17. Section 12-810 of the general statutes is repealed and the 732 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 733 (a) The Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, shall 734 apply to all actions, meetings and records of the corporation, except (1) 735 where otherwise limited by subsection (c) of this section as to new 736 lottery games and serial numbers of unclaimed lottery tickets, [and] (2) 737 with respect to financial, credit and proprietary information submitted 738 by any person to the corporation in connection with any proposal to 739 provide goods, services or professional advice to the corporation as 740 provided in section 12-815, and (3) where otherwise limited by 741 subsection (d) of this section as to information submitted by any person 742 to the corporation regarding such person's participation in the 743 corporation's voluntary self-exclusion process established pursuant to 744 subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 12 of this act.
 - (b) The records of proceedings as provided in subsection (a) of section 12-805 shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 1-210.
 - (c) Any new lottery game and the procedures for such game, until the game is publicly announced by the corporation, and any serial number of an unclaimed lottery ticket shall not be deemed public records, as defined in section 1-200, and shall not be available to the public under the provisions of section 1-210. The president shall submit a fiscal note prepared by the corporation with respect to the procedures for a new

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- lottery game to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly 754
- 755 having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue, bonding and
- 756 public safety after approval of such game by the board.
- 757 (d) The name and any personally identifying information of a person
- 758 who is participating or who has participated in the corporation's
- 759 voluntary self-exclusion process shall not be deemed public records, as
- 760 defined in section 1-200, and shall not be available to the public under
- 761 the provisions of chapter 14, except that the president may disclose the
- 762 name and any relevant records of such person, other than records of the
- 763 participation of such person in the voluntary self-exclusion process, if
- 764 such person claims a winning lottery ticket from the use of the online
- 765 lottery program established pursuant to section 12 of this act.
- 766 Sec. 18. Section 12-811 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 767 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 768 (a) The president and all directors, officers and employees of the
- 769 corporation shall be state employees for purposes of sections 1-79 to 1-
- 770 89, inclusive.
- 771 (b) No director, officer or employee of the corporation shall, directly
- 772 or indirectly, participate in, or share in the winnings from, a game
- 773 conducted pursuant to sections 12-563a, [and] 12-800 to 12-818,
- 774 inclusive, and section 12 of this act.
- 775 Sec. 19. Section 12-812 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 776 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 777 (a) The president of the corporation, subject to the direction of the
- 778 board, shall conduct daily, weekly, multistate, special instant or other
- 779 lottery games and shall determine the number of times a lottery shall be
- 780 held each year, the form and price of the tickets and the aggregate
- 781 amount of prizes, which shall not be less than forty-five per cent of the
- 782 sales unless required by the terms of any agreement entered into for the
- 783 conduct of multistate lottery games. The proceeds of the sale of tickets
- 784 shall be deposited in the lottery fund of the corporation from which

LCO No. 3157 **25** of 43 prizes shall be paid, upon vouchers signed by the president, or by either of two persons designated and authorized by him, in such numbers and amounts as the president determines. The corporation may limit its liability in games with fixed payouts and may cause a cessation of sales of tickets of certain designation when such liability limit has been reached.

(b) The president, subject to the direction of the board, may enter into agreements for the sale of product advertising on lottery tickets, play slips and other lottery media.

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- (c) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the lottery fund which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the payment of prizes, the payment of current operating expenses and funding of approved reserves of the corporation. The corporation shall transfer the amount so certified from the lottery fund of the corporation to the General Fund upon notification of receipt of such certification by the Treasurer, except that if the amount on deposit in the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund, established in section 10-183vv, is less than the required minimum capital reserve, as defined in subsection (b) of said section, the corporation shall pay such amount so certified to the trustee of the fund for deposit in the fund. If the corporation transfers any moneys to the General Fund at any time when the amount on deposit in said capital reserve fund is less than the required minimum capital reserve, the amount of such transfer shall be deemed appropriated from the General Fund to the Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund.
- (d) On a weekly basis, the president shall estimate, and certify to the State Treasurer, that portion of the balance in the fund established pursuant to subsection (f) of section 12 of this act which exceeds the current needs of the corporation for the payment of prizes, the payment of current operating expenses and funding of approved reserves of the corporation for the online lottery program established pursuant to section 12 of this act. The corporation shall transfer the amount so

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- 818 certified to the debt-free community college account established
- 819 pursuant to section 13 of this act upon notification of receipt of such
- 820 certification by the State Treasurer.
- Sec. 20. Section 12-816 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- The exercise of the powers granted by sections 1-120, 1-121, 1-125, 12-
- 824 563, 12-563a, 12-564, 12-566, 12-568a and 12-569, subsection (c) of section
- 825 12-574 and sections 12-800 to 12-818, inclusive, <u>and section 12 of this act</u>,
- 826 constitute the performance of an essential governmental function and
- all operations of the corporation shall be free from any form of federal
- 828 or state taxation. In addition, except pursuant to any federal
- requirements, the corporation shall not be required to pay any taxes or
- assessments upon or in respect to sales of lottery tickets, or any property
- 831 or moneys of the corporation, levied by the state or any political
- 832 subdivision or municipal taxing authority. The corporation and its
- assets, property and revenues shall at all times be free from taxation of
- 834 every kind by the state and by the municipalities and all other political
- subdivisions or special districts having taxing powers in the state.
- Sec. 21. Section 12-557b of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- As used in this chapter, sections [12-578a to 12-578e, inclusive,] 12-
- 839 579 and 12-580, chapter 226b, [and] section 53-278g, <u>as amended by this</u>
- 840 <u>act</u>, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 841 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
- 842 Protection;
- 843 (2) "Department" means the Department of Consumer Protection;
- (3) "Business organization" means a partnership, incorporated or
- 845 unincorporated association, firm, corporation, trust or other form of
- business or legal entity, other than a financial institution regulated by a
- 847 state or federal agency which is not exercising control over an
- 848 association licensee, but does not mean a governmental or sovereign

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- 850 (4) "Control" means the power to exercise authority over or direct the 851 management and policies of a person or business organization;
 - (5) "Casino gaming facility" means any casino gaming facility authorized by any provision of the general statutes or a public or special act to conduct authorized games on its premises, but does not include any casino gaming facility located on Indian lands pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, P.L. 100-497, 25 USC 2701 et seq.;
 - (6) "Authorized game" means any game of chance specifically authorized to be conducted at a casino gaming facility by any provision of the general statutes or a public or special act; and
 - (7) "Gross gaming revenue" means the total of all sums actually received by a casino gaming facility from gaming operations less the total of all sums paid as winnings to patrons of the casino gaming facility, provided the total of all sums paid as winnings to such patrons shall not include the cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout, and provided further the issuance to or wagering by such patrons of any promotional gaming credit shall not be included in the total of all sums actually received by a casino gaming facility for the purposes of determining gross gaming revenue.
- 870 Sec. 22. Section 12-561 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
 - No commissioner or unit head or employee of the department shall directly or indirectly, individually or as a member of a partnership or as a shareholder of a corporation, have any interest whatsoever in dealing in any lottery, racing, fronton, betting enterprise or casino gaming facility or in the ownership or leasing of any property or premises used by or for any lottery, racing, fronton, betting enterprise or casino gaming facility. No commissioner or unit head shall, directly or indirectly, wager at any off-track betting facility, race track or fronton authorized

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under this chapter, purchase lottery tickets issued under this chapter, [or] play, directly or indirectly, any authorized game conducted at a casino gaming facility or place a sports wager or participate in online casino gaming, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to prohibit any employee of the department from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any form of legalized gambling activity in which such employee is involved because of his or her employment with the department. For purposes of this section, "unit head" means a managerial employee with direct oversight of a legalized gambling activity.

Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 12-578e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

- (c) (1) There is established a fund to be known as the "State Gaming Regulatory Fund". The fund shall contain any moneys required or permitted to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer separate and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. Investment earnings credited to the assets of said fund shall become part of the assets of said fund. Any balance remaining in said fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in said fund for the fiscal year next succeeding. Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the Treasurer for the purposes of paying the costs incurred by the department to regulate casino gaming facilities, online casino gaming and online sports wagering, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act.
- Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 12-578g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
 - (c) Not later than thirty days after the date the casino gaming facility is operational and on a monthly basis thereafter while such casino gaming facility is operational, MMCT Venture, LLC, shall pay to the state: (1) Ten per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the operation of authorized games, except video facsimile games, which shall be

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deposited in the state-wide tourism marketing account, established 913 914 pursuant to section 10-395a, and used for state-wide marketing 915 activities; (2) fifteen per cent of the gross gaming revenue from the 916 operation of authorized games, except video facsimile games, which 917 shall be deposited in the General Fund; and (3) twenty-five per cent of 918 the gross gaming revenue from the operation of video facsimile games, 919 which shall be deposited as follows: (A) [Seven million five hundred 920 thousand Nine million dollars annually in the municipal gaming 921 account, established pursuant to section 12-578h, as amended by this 922 act, and (B) any remaining amounts in the General Fund.

923 Sec. 25. Section 12-578h of the general statutes is repealed and the 924 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (a) There is established an account to be known as the "municipal gaming account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established by section 3-55i, as amended by this act. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of providing annual grants pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
- (b) On and after the date the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management finds that a minimum of [seven million five hundred thousand nine million dollars has been deposited in the municipal gaming account pursuant to subsection (c) of section 12-578g, as amended by this act, the Office of Policy and Management shall provide an annual grant of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars to each of the following municipalities: Bridgeport, East Hartford, Ellington, Enfield, Hartford, New Haven, Norwalk, South Windsor, Waterbury, West Hartford, Windsor and Windsor Locks. The amount of the grant payable to each municipality during any fiscal year shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds available for such year.
- Sec. 26. Section 17a-713 of the general statutes is repealed and the

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- (a) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall establish a program for the treatment and rehabilitation of compulsive gamblers in the state. The program shall provide prevention, treatment and rehabilitation services for chronic gamblers. The department may enter into agreements with subregional planning and action councils and nonprofit organizations to assist in providing these services, provided not less than twenty-five per cent of the amount received pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall be set aside for contracts with subregional planning and action councils established pursuant to section 17a-671 and nonprofit organizations and not less than five per cent of the amount received pursuant to section 12-818 annually shall be set aside for a contract with the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. The department may impose a reasonable fee, on a sliding scale, on those participants who can afford to pay for any such services. The department shall implement such program when the account established under subsection (b) of this section is sufficient to meet initial operating expenses. As used in this section, "chronic gambler" means a person who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble, and with gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts or damages personal, family or vocational pursuits.
- (b) The program established by subsection (a) of this section shall be funded by: [imposition of: (1) A] (1) Imposition of a fee of one hundred thirty-five dollars on each association license, for each performance of jai alai or dog racing conducted under the provisions of chapter 226, provided no such licensee shall contribute more than forty-five thousand dollars in any one year; (2) imposition of a fee of twenty-five dollars for each teletheater performance on each operator of a teletheater facility; [and] (3) the amount received from the Connecticut Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 12-818; and (4) the amount received from MMCT Venture, LLC, pursuant to section 12-578g, as amended by this act. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall collect the fee from each association licensee or such operator on a monthly basis. The

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receipts shall be deposited in the General Fund and credited to a separate, nonlapsing chronic gamblers treatment and rehabilitation account which shall be established by the Comptroller. All moneys in the account are deemed to be appropriated and shall be expended for the purposes established in subsection (a) of this section.

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- (c) The department shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of this section.
- Sec. 27. Subsection (a) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
 - (a) The sale or the dispensing or consumption or the presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the consumption of alcoholic liquor by an individual in places operating under hotel permits, restaurant permits, cafe permits, Connecticut craft cafe permits, restaurant permits for catering establishments, bowling establishment permits, racquetball facility permits, club permits, coliseum permits, coliseum concession permits, special sporting facility restaurant permits, special sporting facility employee recreational permits, special sporting facility guest permits, special sporting facility concession permits, special sporting facility bar permits, golf country club permits, nonprofit public museum permits, university permits, airport restaurant permits, airport bar permits, airport airline club permits, tavern permits, manufacturer permits for beer, casino permits, except as provided in subsection (1) of this section, caterer liquor permits and charitable organization permits shall be unlawful on: (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of one o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (2) Saturday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; (3) Sunday between the hours of two o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; (4) Christmas, except [(A)] for alcoholic liquor that is served where food is also available during the hours otherwise permitted by this section for the day on which Christmas falls; [, and (B) by casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-37k;] and (5) January first between the hours of three o'clock a.m. and nine

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1013 o'clock a.m., except that on any Sunday that is January first the 1014 prohibitions of this section shall be between the hours of three o'clock 1015 a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.

- 1016 Sec. 28. Subsection (1) of section 30-91 of the general statutes is 1017 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 1018 2021):
- 1019 (l) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) of this section, it 1020 shall be lawful for casino permittees at casinos, as defined in section 30-1021 37k, to (1) allow the sale or dispensing of alcohol to, or consumption or 1022 presence in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the 1023 consumption of alcoholic liquor by, an individual who is staying at a 1024 hotel in the casino or a hotel or campground affiliated with the casino 1025 and accessible by a shuttle service, except such alcoholic liquor shall not 1026 be served to a patron of such casino during (A) Monday, Tuesday, 1027 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday between the hours of four 1028 o'clock a.m. and nine o'clock a.m.; and (B) Sunday between the hours of 1029 four o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock a.m.; and (2) allow the presence of 1030 alcoholic liquor in glasses or other receptacles suitable to permit the 1031 consumption thereof by an individual at any time on its gaming facility, 1032 as defined in subsection (a) of section 30-37k. [, provided such alcoholic 1033 liquor shall not be served to a patron of such casino during the hours 1034 specified in subsection (a) of this section.] Each casino permittee shall 1035 maintain, in writing, an alcohol service policy that provides for the safe 1036 sale and dispensing of alcohol pursuant to the casino permit. Each 1037 casino permittee shall review such policy at least once each year. For 1038 purposes of this section, "receptacles suitable to permit the consumption 1039 of alcoholic liquor" [shall] does not include bottles of distilled spirits or 1040 bottles of wine.
- Sec. 29. Section 52-553 of the general statutes is repealed and the 1042 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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All wagers, and all contracts and securities of which the whole or any part of the consideration is money or other valuable thing won, laid or bet, at any game, horse race, sport or pastime, and all contracts to repay

LCO No. 3157 **33** of 43 any money knowingly lent at the time and place of such game, race, sport or pastime, to any person so gaming, betting or wagering, or to repay any money lent to any person who, at such time and place, so pays, bets or wagers, shall be void, provided nothing in this section shall (1) affect the validity of any negotiable instrument held by any person who acquired the same for value and in good faith without notice of illegality in the consideration, (2) apply to the sale of a raffle ticket pursuant to section 7-172, (3) apply to sports wagering, and online casino gaming, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act, and conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, (4) apply to the participation in the program established by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 12 of this act, or [(3)] (5) apply to any wager or contract otherwise authorized by law.

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Sec. 30. Section 52-554 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

Any person who, by playing at any game, or betting on the sides or hands of such as play at any game, excluding any game permitted under chapter 226 or any activity not prohibited under the provisions of sections 53-278a to 53-278g, inclusive, as amended by this act, loses the sum or value of one dollar in the whole and pays or delivers the same or any part thereof, may, within three months next following, recover from the winner the money or the value of the goods so lost and paid or delivered, with costs of suit in a civil action, without setting forth the special matter in his complaint. If the defendant refuses to testify, if called upon in such action, relative to the discovery of the property so won, [he] the defendant shall be defaulted; but no evidence so given by [him] the defendant shall be offered against him or her in any criminal prosecution. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from using a credit card to participate in (1) sports wagering or online casino gaming, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act, and conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, or (2) the program established by the Connecticut Lottery Corporation pursuant to section 12 of this act.

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Sec. 31. Subdivision (2) of section 53-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 1081 2021):

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- (2) "Gambling" means risking any money, credit, deposit or other thing of value for gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance or the operation of a gambling device, including the playing of a casino gambling game such as blackjack, poker, craps, roulette or a slot machine, but does not include: Legal contests of skill, speed, strength or endurance in which awards are made only to entrants or the owners of entries; legal business transactions which are valid under the law of contracts; activity legal under the provisions of sections 7-169 to 7-186, inclusive; any lottery or contest conducted by or under the authority of any state of the United States, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or any possession or territory of the United States; and other acts or transactions expressly authorized by law on or after October 1, 1973. Fantasy contests, as defined in section 12-578aa, shall not be considered gambling, provided the conditions set forth in subsection (b) of section 12-578aa have been met and the operator of such contests is registered pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 12-578aa. Sports wagering and online casino gaming, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act, shall not be considered gambling if the sports wagering or online casino gaming is conducted pursuant to sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act;
- Sec. 32. Subdivision (4) of section 53-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
 - (4) "Gambling device" means any device or mechanism by the operation of which a right to money, credits, deposits or other things of value may be created, as the result of the operation of an element of chance; any device or mechanism which, when operated for a consideration, does not return the same value or thing of value for the same consideration upon each operation thereof; any device, mechanism, furniture or fixture designed primarily for use in

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connection with professional gambling; and any subassembly or essential part designed or intended for use in connection with any such device, mechanism, furniture, fixture, construction or installation, provided an immediate and unrecorded right of replay mechanically conferred on players of pinball machines and similar amusement devices shall be presumed to be without value. "Gambling device" does not include a crane game machine or device or a redemption machine. A device or equipment used to play fantasy contests, as defined in section 12-578aa, shall not be considered a gambling device, provided the conditions set forth in subsection (b) of section 12-578aa have been met. A device or equipment used to participate in sports wagering or online casino gaming, as such terms are defined in section 1 of this act, shall not be considered a gambling device if the conditions set forth in sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, as applicable, have been met;

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- Sec. 33. Section 53-278g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
- (a) Nothing in sections 53-278a to 53-278f, inclusive, as amended by this act, shall be construed to prohibit the publication of an advertisement of, or the operation of, or participation in, a state lottery, pari-mutuel betting at race tracks licensed by the state, off-track betting conducted by the state or a licensee authorized to operate the off-track betting system, authorized games at a casino gaming facility, sports wagering and online casino gaming, as authorized by sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, a promotional drawing for a prize or prizes, conducted for advertising purposes by any person, firm or corporation other than a retail grocer or retail grocery chain, wherein members of the general public may participate without making any purchase or otherwise paying or risking credit, money, or any other tangible thing of value or a sweepstakes conducted pursuant to sections 42-295 to 42-301, inclusive.
 - (b) The Mashantucket Pequot [tribe] <u>Tribe</u> and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, or their agents, may use and possess at any location within the state, solely for the purpose of training individuals

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in skills required for employment by the tribe or testing a gambling device, any gambling device which the tribes are authorized to utilize on their reservations pursuant to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act; provided no money or other thing of value shall be paid to any person as a result of the operation of such gambling device in the course of such training or testing at locations outside of the reservation of the tribe. Any person receiving such training or testing such device may use any such device in the course of such training or testing. Whenever either of said tribes intends to use and possess at any location within the state any such gambling device for the purpose of testing such device, the tribe shall give prior notice of such testing to the Department of Consumer Protection.

- (c) Any casino gaming facility, or its agents, may use and possess at any location within the state, solely for the purpose of training individuals in skills required for employment by the casino gaming facility or testing a gambling device, any gambling device which the casino gaming facility may use for conducting authorized games at the casino gaming facility, provided no money or other thing of value shall be paid to any person as a result of the operation of such gambling device in the course of such training or testing at locations outside of the casino gaming facility. Any person receiving such training or testing such device may use any such device in the course of such training or testing. Whenever a casino gaming facility intends to use and possess at any location within the state any such gambling device for the purpose of testing such device, the casino gambling facility shall give prior notice of such testing to the Department of Consumer Protection.
- Sec. 34. Subsection (b) of section 12-18b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2021):
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 12-19a and 12-20a, all funds appropriated for state grants in lieu of taxes shall be payable to municipalities and districts pursuant to the provisions of this section. On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy

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1178 and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state grant in 1179 lieu of taxes, to each municipality and district in this state wherein 1180 college and hospital property is located and to each municipality in this 1181 state wherein state, municipal or tribal property, except that which was 1182 acquired and used for highways and bridges, but not excepting 1183 property acquired and used for highway administration or maintenance 1184 purposes, is located.

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- (1) The grant payable to any municipality for state, municipal or tribal property under the provisions of this section in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and each fiscal year thereafter shall be equal to the total of:
- 1189 (A) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been 1190 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional 1192 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of 1193 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the 1194 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative 1195 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name 1196 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning 1197 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year 1198 is not available from the Secretary of the State on August first of any 1199 year, the Commissioner of Correction shall, on said date, certify to the 1200 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management a list containing such information;
 - (B) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility;
 - (C) One hundred per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and

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- taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket Pequot 1211
- 1212 Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999;
- 1213 (D) Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of section 12-19a, sixty-1214 five per cent of the property taxes that would have been paid with
- 1215 respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut Valley
- 1216 Hospital and Whiting Forensic Hospital in Middletown;
- 1217 (E) With respect to any municipality in which more than fifty per cent 1218 of the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent of 1219 the property taxes that would have been paid with respect to such state-
- 1220 owned property;
- 1221 (F) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been
- 1222 paid with respect to all municipally owned airports; except for the
- 1223 exemption applicable to such property, on the assessment list in such 1224 municipality for the assessment date two years prior to the
- 1225 commencement of the state fiscal year in which such grant is payable.
- 1226 The grant provided pursuant to this section for any municipally owned
- 1227 airport shall be paid to any municipality in which the airport is located,
- 1228 except that the grant applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid one-
- 1229 half to the town of Stratford and one-half to the city of Bridgeport;
- 1230 (G) [Forty-five] One hundred per cent of the property taxes that
- 1231 would have been paid with respect to any land designated within the
- 1232 1983 Settlement boundary and taken into trust by the federal
- 1233 government for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation prior to June 8,
- 1234 1999, or taken into trust by the federal government for the Mohegan
- 1235 Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, provided the real property subject to
- 1236 this subparagraph shall be the land only, and shall not include the
- 1237 assessed value of any structures, buildings or other improvements on
- 1238 such land; and
- 1239 (H) Forty-five per cent of the property taxes that would have been
- 1240 paid with respect to all other state-owned real property.
- 1241 (2) (A) The grant payable to any municipality or district for college

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(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, the grant payable to any municipality or district with respect to a campus of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall be one hundred per cent.

Sec. 35. Section 3-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

(a) There is established the "Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund" which shall be a separate nonlapsing fund. All funds received by the state of Connecticut from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe pursuant to the joint memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state and the tribe on January 13, 1993, as amended on April 30, 1993, and any successor thereto, shall be deposited in the General Fund. [During the fiscal year] For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, [and each fiscal year thereafter,] to June 30, 2021, inclusive, from the funds received by the state from the tribe pursuant to said joint memorandum of understanding, as amended, and any successor thereto, an amount equal to the appropriation to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund for Grants to Towns shall be transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund. [and shall be distributed by the Office of Policy and Management, during said fiscal year, in accordance with the provisions of section 3-55j.] For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, one hundred thirtyseven million dollars of the funds deposited in the General Fund pursuant to this subsection, the memorandum of understanding entered into by and between the state and the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of

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1275 Connecticut on May 17, 1994, as amended from time to time and section 1276 7 of this act shall be transferred from the General Fund to the 1277 Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund. During each fiscal year, the 1278 Office of Policy and Management shall make distributions from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund in accordance with the 1279 1280 provisions of section 3-55j. The amount of the grant payable to each 1281 municipality during any fiscal year, in accordance with said section, 1282 shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants exceeds the amount of funds available for such year. The grant shall be paid in three 1283 1284 installments as follows: The Secretary of the Office of Policy and 1285 Management shall, annually, not later than the fifteenth day of 1286 December, the fifteenth day of March and the fifteenth day of June 1287 certify to the Comptroller the amount due each municipality under the 1288 provisions of section 3-55j and the Comptroller shall draw an order on 1289 the Treasurer on or before the fifth business day following the fifteenth 1290 day of December, the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of 1291 March and the fifth business day following the fifteenth day of June and 1292 the Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof to such municipality on or 1293 before the first day of January, the first day of April and the thirtieth day 1294 of June.

(b) The transfers from the General Fund to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund required by subsection (a) of this section shall not be reduced except on (1) submission to the General Assembly by the Governor of a certification of an emergency requiring such reduction; and (2) a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the General Assembly approving such reduction.

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Sec. 36. Sections 12-565a and 12-578j of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section	
Sec. 2	July 1, 2021	New section	
Sec. 3	July 1, 2021	New section	

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Sec. 4	July 1, 2021	New section
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Sec. 8	from passage	New section
Sec. 9	from passage	New section
Sec. 10	from passage	12-578f
Sec. 11	July 1, 2021	12-806c
Sec. 12	from passage	New section
Sec. 13	from passage	New section
Sec. 14	from passage	12-801
Sec. 15	from passage	12-806
Sec. 16	from passage	12-806a
Sec. 17	from passage	12-810
Sec. 18	from passage	12-811
Sec. 19	from passage	12-812
Sec. 20	from passage	12-816
Sec. 21	July 1, 2021	12-557b
Sec. 22	July 1, 2021	12-561
Sec. 23	July 1, 2021	12-578e(c)(1)
Sec. 24	July 1, 2021	12-578g(c)
Sec. 25	from passage	12-578h
Sec. 26	July 1, 2021	17a-713
Sec. 27	July 1, 2021	30-91(a)
Sec. 28	July 1, 2021	30-91(1)
Sec. 29	from passage	52-553
Sec. 30	from passage	52-554
Sec. 31	July 1, 2021	53-278a(2)
Sec. 32	July 1, 2021	53-278a(4)
Sec. 33	July 1, 2021	53-278g
Sec. 34	July 1, 2021	12-18b(b)
Sec. 35	July 1, 2021	3-55i
Sec. 36	from passage	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize sports wagering, online casino gaming, online lottery and online keno in this state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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REP. FRANCE, 42nd Dist.; REP. RYAN, 139th Dist.

REP. MCCARTY, 38th Dist.; SEN. SOMERS, 18th Dist.

REP. SMITH, 48th Dist.; SEN. NEEDLEMAN, 33rd Dist.

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